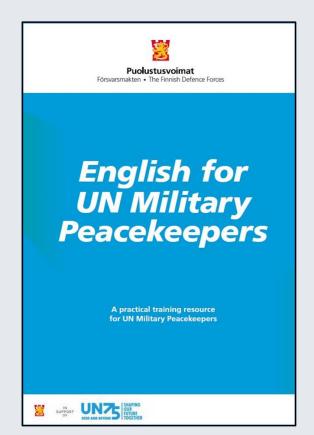
English for UN Military Peacekeepers

A practical training resource for UN Military Peacekeepers

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The FDF proudly present...





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PART 1/2 Our source of inspiration

ENGLISH FOR UN MILITARY PEACEKEEPERS

A practical training resource aimed at teaching UN Military Peacekeepers English language to increase interoperability and build relations on UN peacekeeping missions overseas.





Dream team



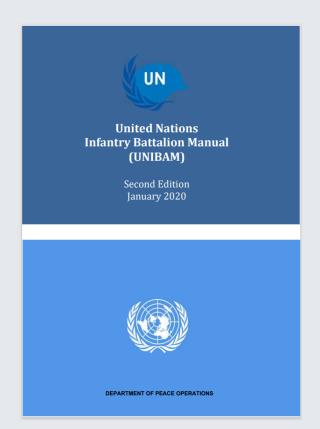


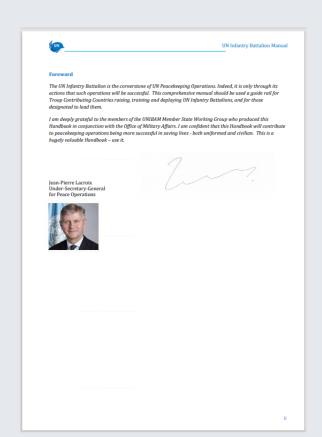
Our intended users





UN Infantry Battalion Manual 2020

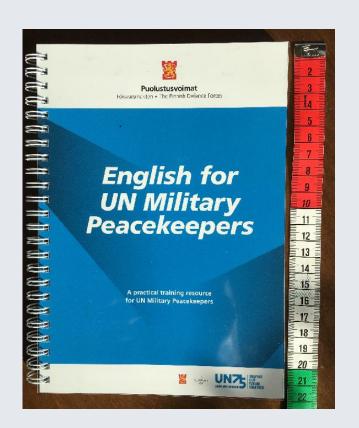




How will it be used?



Presenting...





PART 2/2 Besides the obvious advantages just presented...

Foreign language classroom anxiety

Horwitz, Horwitz & Cope (1986):

Adults typically perceive themselves as reasonably intelligent, socially-adept individuals, sensitive to different sociocultural mores.

Typical symptoms/manifestations of foreign language classroom anxiety

Basically: Fear of negative judgement from teacher and fellow students

- physiological symptoms (poor memory, inability to concentrate, "take in" what is said, respond)
- avoidance (not enrolling, skipping class), postponing (leaving homework till the last minute)

But language is learnt best by communicating – with other people, right?...





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Maybe an SME instructor or language teacher

Phew, no teacher!

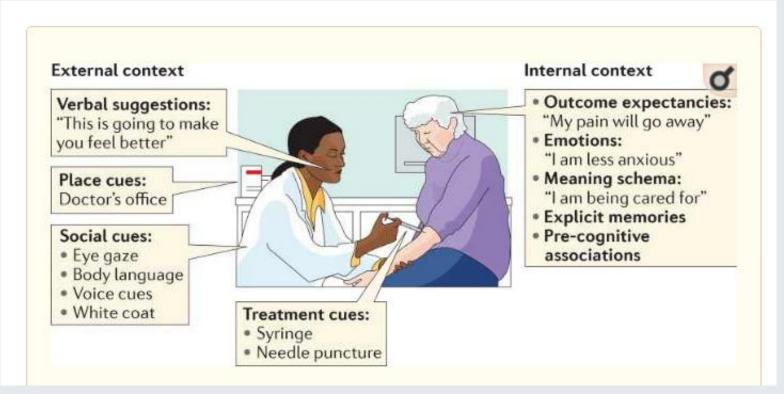








The placebo effect in a medical context



The neuroscience of placebo effects: connecting context, learning and health (nih.gov)

The placebo effect in a language learning context?

Absence of teacher and fellow students: "You can practice without fear of judgement."

Place cues: Not a classroom - instead student's choice/safe place.

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NO social cues – instead pictures that represent student's goal of peacekeeper at ease.



"I can get better at vocabulary, listening and spelling without fear of ridicule from teacher or fellow students." / "My dyslexia or other learning disability won't come into the open."

Emotions: "I am free to be curious and try out things."

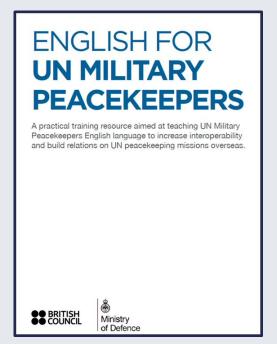
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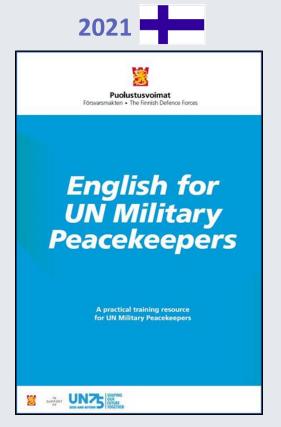
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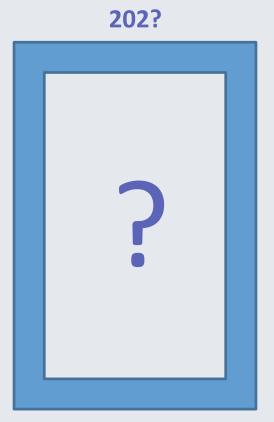


You don't need to start from scratch!









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